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SUBJECT: DEATH OF MAO TSE-TUNG

REF: A) STATE 223128, B) DAKAR 5856

1. ON SEPTEMBER 15 CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF, SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOK AT PRC EMBASSY. CHARGE WAS GREETED COURTEOUSLY AND ATMOSPHERE WAS ONE WHICH NORMALLY PREVAILS AT SUCH CHINESE FUNCTIONS.

2. PRC EMBASSY ANNOUNCED BY CIRCULAR NOTE SENT TO RESIDENT EMBASSIES (NOT OURS) THAT A CONDOLENCE BOOK WOULD BE OPEN AT THE EMBASSY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS THROUGH SEPT. 18. CHINESE BUSINESSMEN IN DAKAR AND PERSONS CONSIDERED TO BE ESPECIALLY FRIENDLY TO THE CHINESE WERE ADVISED DIRECTLY BY THE EMBASSY THAT A CONDOLENCE BOOK WOULD BE OPEN.

3. PERSONS ASKING FOR GUIDANCE ON WHAT KIND OF WREATH TO SEND TO THE EMBASSY WERE TOLD WHAT WORDING TO USE AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE WREATH BE SOMEWHAT MORE ELABORATE THAN THAT SENT ON THE OCCASION OF CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH. THE ONLY UNUSUAL THING ABOUT THE FUNERAL OBSERVANCES LOCALLY APPEARS TO BE THE SIMPLICITY OF THE WREATH INSCRIPTIONS. DONORS WHO WANTED TO USE FLOWERY INSCRIPTIONS WERE TOLD TO CONFINE THEMSELVES TO A DESCRIPTION OF MAO AS "A GREAT LEADER." EVEN SUCH SMALL DEVIATIONS AS "A GREAT LEADER
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OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE" WERE CORRECTED TO THE SIM-

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